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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 50.0 degrees, 3.0 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, November 7. Precipitation averaged 1.02 inches, 0.28 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 2 points below normal.

Reporters rated 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, November 5. This is 2.0 days below last year and 2.4 days less the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	2.9	4.5	136.5
2003	4.9	4.2	125.2
1999-2003 Average	5.3	5.1	151.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	1	70	29
Last Week	1	4	84	11
Same Week Last Year	0	0	81	19
1999-2003 Average	5	17	69	10

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

Reporters estimate 78 percent of **Corn** for grain has been harvested. This is four days ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the five-year average. Farmers have 87 percent of **Soybeans** harvested. This is nine days behind 2003 and nine days behind the 1999-2003 average. Producers have 97 percent of **Winter Wheat** planted. This is slightly behind last year and slightly behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate 87 percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is slightly behind last year and about one day behind the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 92 percent complete, compared to 100 percent last year and 100 percent for the five-year average. Ninety-four percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested, compared to 99 percent in 2003 and 97 percent for the five year average.

Wet weather continues to cause problems for Ohio farmers but next week's weather looks promising for field work. Field activities this past week included harvesting corn and beans, planting winter wheat and applying fertilizer and herbicides. Growers who have finished harvesting crops spent time preparing equipment for winter storage. Producers repaired fences, harvested some last minute apples and performed general farm maintenance.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Respondents have indicated high winds have flattened some remaining corn fields making harvesting difficult at best. Corn condition rated at 75 percent good to excellent remained unchanged from last week. Winter wheat was rated at 79 percent good to excellent condition compares to 75 percent last week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	92	100	100	88	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	94	99	97	89	NA
Corn harvested for grain	78	68	77	61	65
Soybeans harvested	87	95	95	80	84
Winter wheat planted	97	98	98	90	89
Winter wheat emerged	87	88	89	76	77

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	17	43	32
Previous Week	2	5	18	43	32
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NAN	NA
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	15	62	20
Previous Week	1	3	13	64	19
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	24	52	15
Previous Week	3	8	25	49	15
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	19	62	17
Previous Week	0	2	23	57	18
Previous Year	1	3	20	60	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	46.9	1.2	0.95	0.27	27.69	3.70	16	-9	3132	3
North Central	48.2	2.0	1.20	0.45	29.51	4.71	22	-5	3092	11
Northeast	48.2	2.2	0.93	0.01	34.26	7.70	25	-1	2855	-51
West Central	49.7	3.0	1.13	0.46	28.03	2.50	29	-2	3339	65
Central	51.0	3.7	0.98	0.26	33.23	7.22	33	0	3411	95
Central Hills	48.9	2.8	0.95	0.16	36.53	10.31	26	-3	3063	-2
Northeast Hills	48.3	1.5	0.78	-0.03	38.83	12.74	26	-5	3075	-38
Southwest	52.3	4.2	1.00	0.29	28.59	1.39	37	1	3556	84
South Central	53.9	5.0	1.39	0.68	36.25	10.29	43	1	3691	157
Southeast	51.4	3.8	0.93	0.19	36.97	10.79	37	0	3390	78
STATE	50.0	3.0	1.02	0.28	32.82	6.98	30	-2	3283	46

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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